

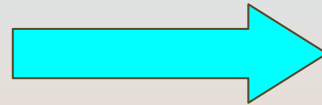
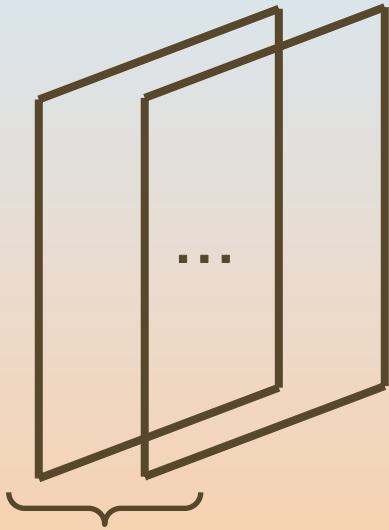
Orbifolding the Membrane Action

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Question

What is the low energy effective theory on multiple M2 branes (membranes) ?



$$l_p \rightarrow 0$$

**World volume
theory of
Membranes**

N M2 branes

Cf. N D3 branes on flat space \rightarrow 4dim $\mathcal{N}=4$ $U(N)$ SYM



Hopeful Candidate

World volume theory of membranes suggested by ABJM

By **A**harony, **B**ergman, **J**afferis, **M**aldacena
ArXiv: 0806.1218 [hep-th]

- 3dim $\mathcal{N}=6$ Chern-Simons matter theory
- M2 branes probing C^4/Z_k (k : level of Chern-Simons term)



Different from the method of
orbifolding the theory of D branes !!

Douglas and Moore
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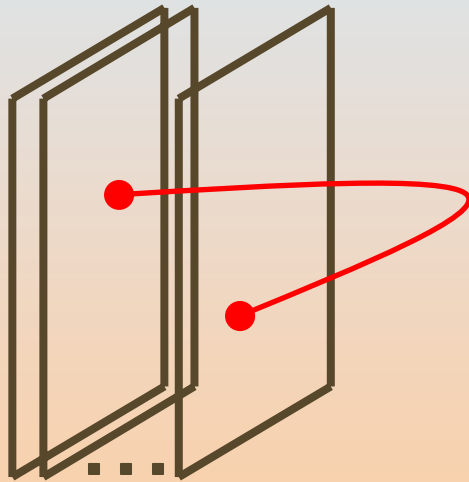
Orbifolding by the Z_n action $\rightarrow U(N)^n$ Quiver gauge theory

Orbifolding is non-trivial for membrane theory !!

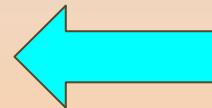
Chan-Paton factors

- ~ Which D-branes the open string attached.
- ~ Gauge indices

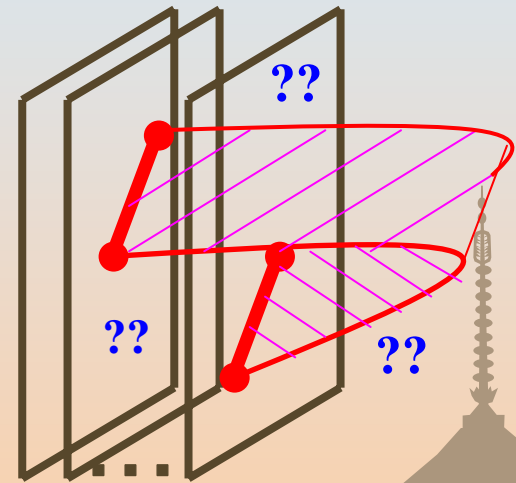
Structure of the counterpart of Chan-Paton factor is not clear



Method of orbifolding D branes is based on this picture.



Compactify on S^1



Systematic method of orbifolding membranes is not clear *a-priori*

They should be somehow related to each other.



Theme of this talk

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Plan of this talk



§ 1 Introduction

§ 2 ABJM theory

(Satisfying the properties expected for the world volume theory of M2 branes.)
(Probing C^4/Z_k)

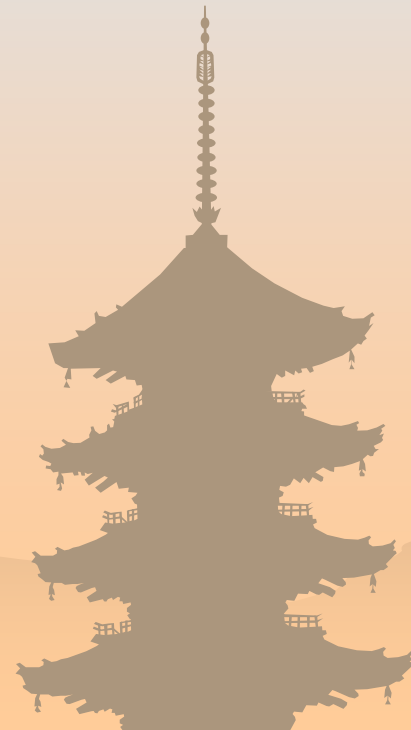
§ 3 Orbifolding the D branes

(Orbifold structure is)

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(Further orbifold of ABJM theory)

§ 5 Summary and Discussion



§ 2 ABJM theory

$U(N) \times U(N)$

$$\begin{array}{l} \text{Chiral superfield} \\ \text{Vector superfield} \end{array} \left\{ \begin{array}{lll} Z_A (A=1,2) & N & \bar{N} \\ W_B (B=1,2) & \bar{N} & N \\ V^{(1)} & (\text{Adj}) & 1 \\ V^{(2)} & 1 & (\text{Adj}) \end{array} \right.$$

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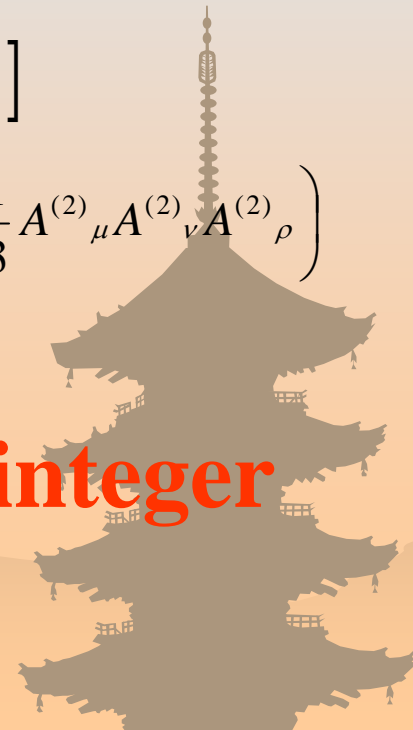
$$S = S_{\text{CS}} + S_{\text{kin}} + S_{\text{pot}}$$

$$\begin{aligned} S_{\text{CS}} &= -\frac{k}{8\pi} \int d^3x d^4\theta \int_0^1 dt \text{Tr} \left[V^{(1)} \bar{D}^\alpha e^{tV^{(1)}} D_\alpha e^{-tV^{(1)}} \right] - \text{Tr} \left[V^{(2)} \bar{D}^\alpha e^{tV^{(2)}} D_\alpha e^{-tV^{(2)}} \right] \\ &\Rightarrow \frac{k}{2\pi} \varepsilon^{\mu\nu\rho} \int d^3x \text{Tr} \left(\frac{1}{2} A^{(1)}{}_\mu \partial_\nu A^{(1)}{}_\rho + \frac{1}{3} A^{(1)}{}_\mu A^{(1)}{}_\nu A^{(1)}{}_\rho \right) - \text{Tr} \left(\frac{1}{2} A^{(2)}{}_\mu \partial_\nu A^{(2)}{}_\rho + \frac{1}{3} A^{(2)}{}_\mu A^{(2)}{}_\nu A^{(2)}{}_\rho \right) \end{aligned}$$

$$S_{\text{kin}} = \int d^3x d^4\theta \text{Tr} \left(\bar{Z}_A e^{-V} Z^A e^V + \bar{W}_A e^V W^A e^{-V} \right)$$

$$S_{\text{pot}} = \frac{4\pi}{k} \int d^3x d^2\theta \text{Tr} \left[Z^1 W^1 Z^2 W^2 - Z^1 W^2 Z^2 W^1 \right] + h.c.$$

k : integer



Moduli space is $(\mathbb{C}^4/\mathbb{Z}_k)^N/S_N$

Consider the case $N=1$. $V=0$. Divide by the gauge transformation

$$Z^A \rightarrow e^{i(\Lambda_{(1)} - \Lambda_{(2)})} Z^A \quad W_A \rightarrow e^{-i(\Lambda_{(1)} - \Lambda_{(2)})} W_A$$

$$A_{(1)} \rightarrow A_{(1)} - d\Lambda_{(1)} \quad A_{(2)} \rightarrow A_{(2)} - d\Lambda_{(2)}$$

It is sufficient to consider the transformation where Λ is constant. The variation of CS term by the gauge transformation is

$$\delta S_{CS} = \frac{k}{2\pi} \int_{boundary} (\Lambda_{(1)} \wedge F_{(1)} - \Lambda_{(2)} \wedge F_{(2)})$$

Here we consider the quantization condition

$$\int_{boundary} F_i \in 2\pi \mathbb{Z}$$

When

$$\Lambda_i \in \frac{2\pi}{k} \mathbb{Z}$$

CS term is invariant even at the boundary

It results in $\mathbb{C}^4/\mathbb{Z}_k$!

$$Z_k : (y^1, y^2, y^3, y^4) \rightarrow \left(e^{\frac{2\pi i}{k} y^1}, e^{\frac{2\pi i}{k} y^2}, e^{\frac{2\pi i}{k} y^3}, e^{\frac{2\pi i}{k} y^4} \right)$$



§ 3 Orbifolding the D branes

N D-branes on $C \times C^2/\Gamma$

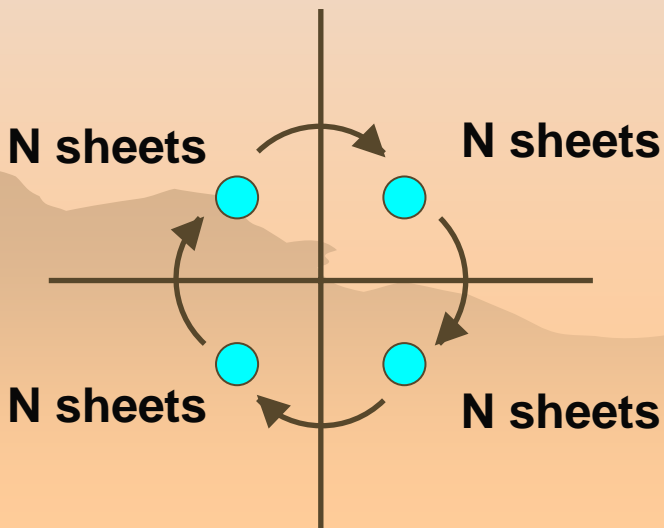
Γ : Discrete symmetry of C^2

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$N \times |\Gamma|$ D3 branes are put in a way that N sets of D3 branes are transformed each other by Γ

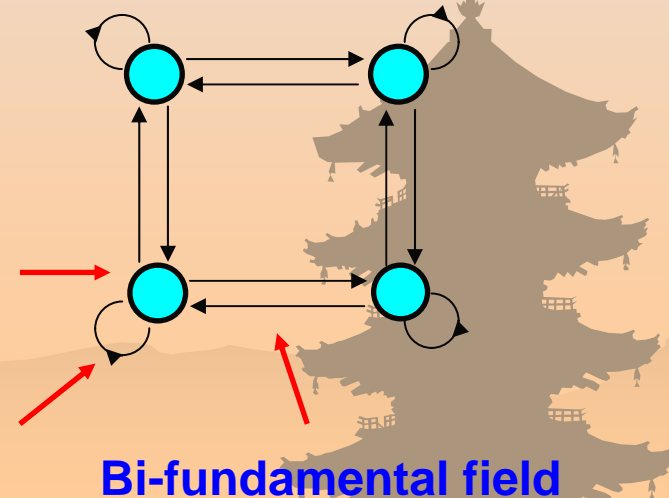
Example: $\Gamma = Z_4$



**Gauge group:
 $SU(N)$**

Adjoint field

Quiver gauge theory



To solve,

$$T = \text{diag}(T_1, T_2, T_3, T_4)$$

$$U(4N) \rightarrow U(N)^4$$

$$X_i = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & * & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & * & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & * \\ * & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad X_3 = \begin{pmatrix} * & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & * & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & * & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & * \end{pmatrix}$$

Adjoint rep. of $U(N)$ corresponding to T_4

Bi-fundamental rep. of $U(N)$ corresponding to T_1 and T_4

The effect of preparing $4N$ D-branes which are 4 times as many as the actual D-branes.

Substitute these into the $U(4N)$ action
before orbifolding
Divide the action by 4 (of Z_4)

Action of the world volume theory of D3
branes probing $C \times C^2/Z_4$.

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§ 4 Orbifolding the membranes

Construction of orbifolding by Z_n

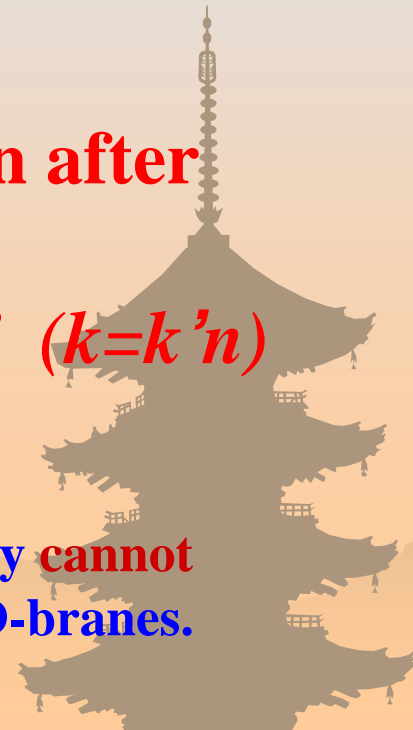
0. Prepare theory of nN sheets of M2 branes
1. Solve the constraints for gauge group and fields
2. Divide action by n

Chern-Simons coupling must be integer even after dividing the action by n

$\rightarrow k$ before orbifolding is a multiple of n !! ($k=k'n$)



• The orbifold action Z_k encoded in the ABJM theory cannot be reproduced from the method of orbifolding for D-branes.



Orbifolding ABJM theory by Z_n ($k=k'n$)

$$Z_k : (y^1, y^2, y^3, y^4) \rightarrow \left(e^{\frac{2\pi i}{k}} y^1, e^{\frac{2\pi i}{k}} y^2, e^{\frac{2\pi i}{k}} y^3, e^{\frac{2\pi i}{k}} y^4 \right)$$

← Already incoded in the ABJM theory

$$Z_n : (y^1, y^2, y^3, y^4) \rightarrow \left(e^{\frac{2\pi i}{n}} y^1, e^{\frac{2\pi i}{n}} y^2, e^{\frac{2\pi i}{n}} y^3, e^{\frac{2\pi i}{n}} y^4 \right)$$

← Further orbifolding

$$Z_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & Z_1^1 & & & & \\ & 0 & Z_1^2 & & & \\ & & \ddots & \ddots & & \\ & & & 0 & Z_1^{n-1} & \\ Z_1^n & & & & & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad Z_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & & & & & Z_2^n \\ Z_2^1 & 0 & & & & \\ & Z_2^2 & \ddots & & & \\ & & \ddots & \ddots & & 0 \\ & & & & Z_2^{n-1} & \\ & & & & & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$W_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & W_1^1 & & & & \\ & 0 & W_1^2 & & & \\ & & \ddots & \ddots & & \\ & & & 0 & W_1^{n-1} & \\ W_1^n & & & & & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad W_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & & & & & W_2^n \\ W_2^1 & 0 & & & & \\ & W_2^2 & \ddots & & & \\ & & \ddots & \ddots & & 0 \\ & & & & W_2^{n-1} & \\ & & & & & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

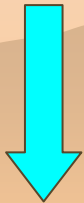
$$V_{(1)} = \text{diag}(V_{(1)}^1, V_{(1)}^2, \dots, V_{(1)}^n), \quad V_{(2)} = \text{diag}(V_{(2)}^1, V_{(2)}^2, \dots, V_{(2)}^n),$$

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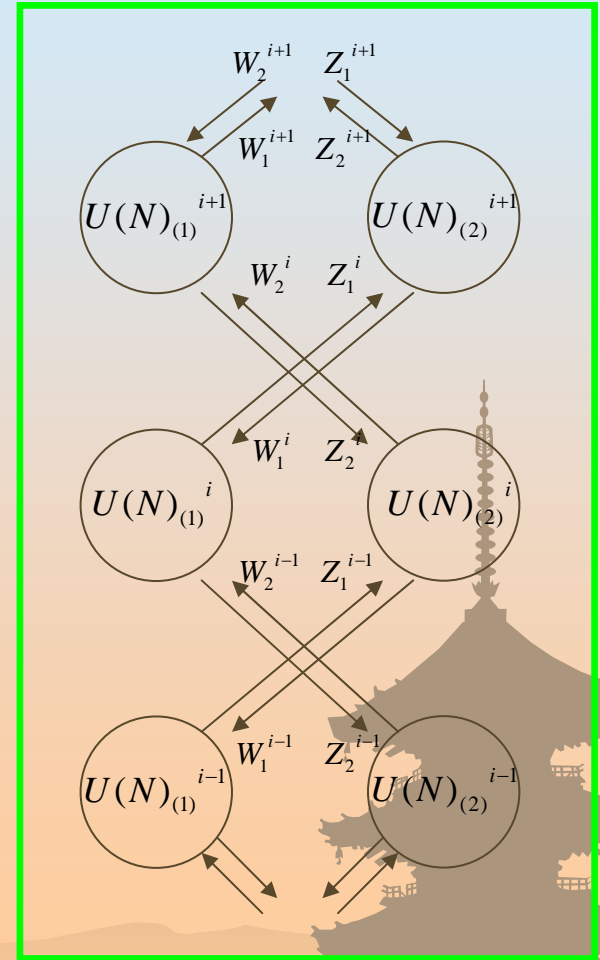
$$S_{\text{kin}} = \frac{1}{n} \int d^3x d^4\theta \text{tr} (\bar{Z}^A e^{-V} Z_A e^V + \bar{W}^B e^V W_B e^{-V})$$

$$S_{\text{pot}} = \frac{4\pi n^2}{k'} \int d^3x d^2\theta \text{tr} [Z_1 W_1 Z_2 W_2 - Z_1 W_2 Z_2 W_1]$$



- Solve $V=0$
- Divide by the gauge transformation

The moduli space is $[(\mathbb{C}^4/Z_k)/Z_n]^N/S_N$



Obtained Quiver Gauge Theory

§ 5 Summary and Discussion

• We constructed the theory which we suggest to the world volume theory of M2 branes probing

$$(\mathbb{C}^4/\mathbb{Z}_k)/\mathbb{Z}_n \quad (k = nk')$$

$$\mathbb{Z}_k : (y^1, y^2, y^3, y^4) \rightarrow \left(e^{\frac{2\pi i}{k}} y^1, e^{\frac{2\pi i}{k}} y^2, e^{\frac{2\pi i}{k}} y^3, e^{\frac{2\pi i}{k}} y^4 \right)$$

$$\mathbb{Z}_n : (y^1, y^2, y^3, y^4) \rightarrow \left(e^{\frac{2\pi i}{n}} y^1, e^{\frac{2\pi i}{n}} y^2, e^{\frac{2\pi i}{n}} y^3, e^{\frac{2\pi i}{n}} y^4 \right)$$

by using the method for D-branes.

• We checked that its moduli space is

$$[(\mathbb{C}^4/\mathbb{Z}_k)/\mathbb{Z}_n]^N/S_N$$

Which is consistent with the picture that M2 branes are probing

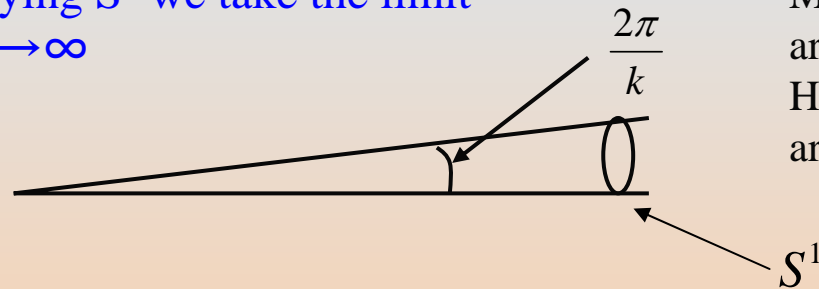
$$(\mathbb{C}^4/\mathbb{Z}_k)/\mathbb{Z}_n$$

We discussed that we cannot use the method for D-branes for orbifold action to reproduce one which is encoded in ABJM theory.

Discussion

▪ Method of orbifolding similar to the case of D branes are applicable for some cases.

▪ When compactifying S^1 we take the limit
 $k \rightarrow \infty$ $\langle Z \rangle, \langle W \rangle \rightarrow \infty$



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▪ It is not applicable if orbifolding structure vanishes when taking this limit.

▪ It is applicable only when $k=k'n$.

→ Need to explain in the M theory side!

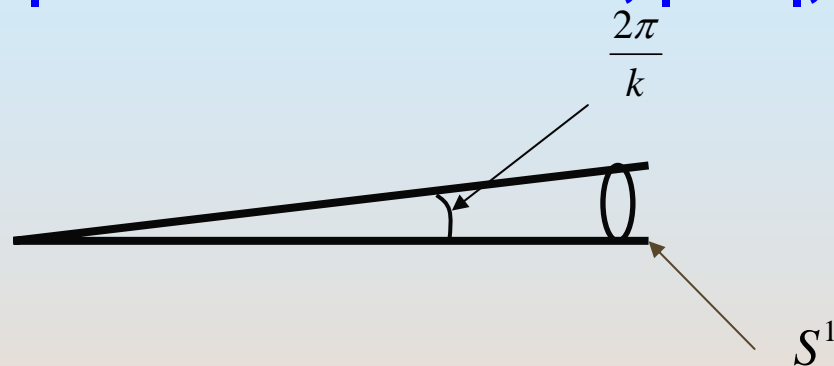


どうもありがとうございました。



S^1 コンパクト化でD2ブレーン上の理論になる

$|\langle Z \rangle|/k, |\langle W \rangle|/k$ を固定して $k \rightarrow \infty, |\langle Z \rangle|, |\langle W \rangle| \rightarrow \infty$



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細長いコーンの、先端から離れた場所を見ていることになる
→ そのあたりはほぼシリンダー！！ S^1 コンパクト化に相当

ABJM理論にこの操作を施すと、確かにD2ブレーン上の
ゲージ理論が現れる。



Action: $S = S_{CS} + S_{kin} + S_{pot}$

Chern-Simons 項:

$$S_{CS} = \int d^3x \frac{k}{2\pi} \varepsilon^{\mu\nu\rho} \text{Tr} \left(\frac{1}{2} A^{(1)\mu} \partial_\nu A^{(1)\rho} + \frac{i}{3} A^{(1)\mu} A^{(1)\nu} A^{(1)\rho} \right) \\ - \frac{k}{2\pi} \varepsilon^{\mu\nu\rho} \text{Tr} \left(\frac{1}{2} A^{(2)\mu} \partial_\nu A^{(2)\rho} + \frac{i}{3} A^{(2)\mu} A^{(2)\nu} A^{(2)\rho} \right)$$

運動項:

$$S_{kin} = \int d^3x \left[-\text{Tr} (D_\mu Z^A)^\dagger D^\mu Z_A - \text{Tr} (D_\mu W^A)^\dagger D^\mu W_A \right. \\ \left. + i \text{Tr} \zeta^{\dagger A} \gamma^\mu D_\mu \zeta_A + i \text{Tr} \omega^{\dagger A} \gamma^\mu D_\mu \omega_A \right]$$

ポテンシャル項:

Mass 次元

$$S_{pot} = - \int d^3x V$$

スカラー場: 1/2
スピノル場: 1

ポテンシャル: 3



$$V = V^D_{\text{bos}} + V^F_{\text{bos}} + V^D_{\text{ferm}} + V^F_{\text{ferm}}$$

$$V^{\text{bos}}_D = \frac{4\pi^2}{k} \text{Tr} \left| (Z^A Z^\dagger_A - W^{\dagger A} W_A) Z^B - Z^B (Z^\dagger_A Z^A - W_A W^{\dagger A}) \right|^2$$

$$+ \frac{4\pi^2}{k} \text{Tr} \left| (W^A W^\dagger_A - Z^{\dagger A} Z_A) Z^B - W^B (W^\dagger_A W^A - Z^\dagger_A Z^A) \right|^2$$

$$V^{\text{bos}}_F = -\frac{16\pi^2}{k} \text{Tr} \left| W_A Z^B W_C - W_C Z^B W_A \right|^2 + \frac{16\pi^2}{k} \text{Tr} \left| Z_A W^B Z_C - Z_C W^B Z_A \right|^2$$

$$V^{\text{ferm}}_D = \frac{2\pi i}{k} \text{Tr} \left[(\zeta^\dagger_A \zeta^A - \omega_A \omega^{\dagger A}) (Z^\dagger_B Z^B - W_B W^{\dagger B}) \right. \\ \left. - (\zeta^A \zeta^\dagger_A - \omega^{\dagger A} \omega_A) (Z^B Z^\dagger_B - W^{\dagger B} W_B) \right]$$

$$V^{\text{ferm}}_F = \frac{2\pi}{k} \varepsilon_{AC} \varepsilon^{BD} \text{Tr} \left[2\zeta^A W_B Z^C \omega_D + 2\zeta^A \omega_B Z^C W_D \right. \\ \left. + Z^A \omega_B Z^C \omega_D + \zeta^A W_B \zeta^C W_D \right] + h.c.$$



CFTである

- ・パラメータがChern-Simons couplingの k しかなく、これはMass次元を持たない。
→少なくとも古典的には作用はスケール不変

- ・ k は整数

- 連続性を仮定すると、繰り込みを受けない
- 恐らく量子論的にもスケール不変

Chern-Simons coupling k が整数でないとならない理由

ゲージ変換 $A_\mu \rightarrow A_\mu + g^{-1}A_\mu g + g^{-1}\partial_\mu g$

の下でChern-Simons 項は

$$\delta L_{CS} = L_{CS} - \frac{k}{4\pi} \varepsilon^{\mu\nu\rho} \partial_\mu \text{Tr}(\partial_\nu g g^{-1} A_\rho) - \frac{k}{12\pi} \varepsilon^{\mu\nu\rho} \text{Tr}(g^{-1} \partial_\mu g g^{-1} \partial_\nu g g^{-1} \partial_\rho g)$$

のように変化する。ここで、

$$\frac{1}{12\pi} \int d^3x \varepsilon^{\mu\nu\rho} \text{Tr}(g^{-1} \partial_\mu g g^{-1} \partial_\nu g g^{-1} \partial_\rho g) \in 2\pi Z$$

であることから、ゲージ不変性が保たれるためには k が整数でなければならない。